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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution  
SUBJECT: OPORD 1009



1. Attached is the draft of the Project Headquarters comments to the proposed SAC OPORD 1009.
2. Request addressees review and forward comments, concurrences, etc. to D/O/OSA no later than COB Tuesday, 23 August 1966.

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USAF review(s)  
completed.

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IDEALIST OPS

Part I

Project Headquarters in general is in agreement with the proposed plan. However, we do not agree as to the time that Agency assets would come under the operational control of SAC. The original agreement had two separate plans. One plan (Plan I) to be implemented at a quote "time of tension" unquote, such time to be jointly determined by the Agency and the USAF. Under Plan I, the Agency would maintain operational control of the U-2 aircraft and be responsive to SAC target requirements. Plan II of this same agreement calls for U-2 assets to come under the operational control of USAF/SAC at the quote "outbreak of hostilities" unquote. The phrases "time of tension" and "outbreak of hostilities" in the basic agreement may well be translated into DEFCON 1 or 2 for time of tension and implementation of the SIOP as the outbreak of hostilities. Whether or not such translation can be made is not within the purview of this office. A recommendation for an updating of this basic agreement is now being forwarded through separate channels. This message will address its comments to the proposed plan within the framework of the original agreement.

Part II

The comments below are keyed to the ~~reactions~~ indicated  
in the reference.

Part I, Para 10B. The channel to be utilized in communication should be spelled out (i.e. Agency secure circuit [redacted] for each user or type of document rather than leaving a choice to the sender.

Basic Order, Para I. "Certain of Project Idealist Reconnaissance Resources". . . These resources should be spelled out. Plan II of the CHALICE EWP states that Hqs CHALICE will retain operational control of certain areas of [redacted] activities. The number of U-2 aircraft and other resources to be made available to SAC should be determined in advance.

Basic Order, Para 1.A.(1)(A). U-2 resources should remain under operational control of CIA during a period of DEFCON 2. This would be the "time of tension" mentioned in Plan I of CHALICE EWP Oplan 20 January 1959.

Basic Order, Para 3.A.(3). It is assumed by Hqs that Project pilots will fly the U-2 aircraft to assigned bases and then turn the aircraft over to SAC crews for operational use.

Basic Order, Para 2. General Instructions: All Air Force personnel detailed to Opcen will come under. . . , etc. Certain Air Force personnel at Hqs and in the field will be required to remain under Proj Hqs control during

"time of tension" in order to operate other IDEALIST assets. At the outbreak of hostilities, it is anticipated that most, but not all military personnel in Proj IDEALIST will come under control of USAF. The original agreement (Plan II) states that Proj Hqs will retain control of certain [ ] activities such as R&D, IRAN, etc. These functions should be detailed in the final plan.

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### Part III

#### Additional Remarks:

A. If the original agreement is to stand and Proj IDEALIST is, during time of tension to be responsive to SAC targeting, then the provisions of Para 5d.2.(A) must be implemented. (This Para provides for SAC to furnish updated targets on a quarterly or more frequent basis to Proj Hqs.)

B. When the original agreement was implemented, Proj Hqs had several active overseas detachments, and these were mentioned in the Plan with their delegated functions.

Since these overseas detachments no longer exist, it is assumed that the proposed Oplan refers only to [ ] U-2 assets.

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